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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

**SUBJECT: FY 2002/03 FSTIP Amendment No. 7 – Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG)**

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 7 to the COFCG 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 9, 2002. COFCG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 2002-53, on November 21, 2002. This amendment adds MPO ID # FRE020165 – a 1.02 mile alley paving project in the city of Coalinga. The amendment programs a total of \$210,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002/03.

COFCG computed off model impacts of this project to total 170.59 lbs. per day reduction in Particulate Matter (PM) 10, reaffirming the conformity of the COFCG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this FTIP amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that FTIP Amendment No. 7 conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and in accordance with January 2, 2002, guidance *Revised Guidance for Implementing the March 1999 Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity* and the Environmental Protection Agency's May 14, 1999, guidance *Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision*. This approval was made after consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to the *Transportation Conformity Rule*.

This letter constitutes approval and inclusion of COFCG's FTIP Amendment No. 7 into California's 2002/03 – 2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Leslie T. Rogers*

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